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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week is both Road Safety Week and Anti-Bullying Week, both of which are extremely important so we have planned several activities and events across the week to ensure both are given due attention. Monday 16th November is **Odd Socks Day**. Odd Socks Day takes place on the first day of Anti-Bullying week each year to help raise awareness of bullying. It is designed to be fun and an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! All we have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school. We thought we would combine this with our support for Children in Need so we kindly ask that each child brings in a donation for our local Foodbank (dried food and tins are good), or, make a donation to Children in Need by following the link below. https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=1821

On Tuesday we will be launching our **Gospel Guardians.** This group has been set up by Mrs King and last year's School Council to support playtimes. Our Gospel Values are the foundation of all our interactions and relationships here at Holy Cross and this group of dedicated and committed Gospel Guardians will support their peers at playtimes, providing positive role models for one another.

On Wednesday all classes will have a **Road Safety** focus and the children will have an opportunity to design either a poster or a leaflet to raise awareness of the importance of road safety. The winners of the competition will be announced at the end of the week and we will share some of the wonderful entries we are anticipating with you via our newsletter and Class Dojo. The winning poster will be produced and displayed at the school gates.

On Thursday we will hold our special 'Speak out. Stay Safe' assembly. Information about this has been sent to you separately. 'Speak out. Stay safe' is a safeguarding programme available to all primary schools in the UK and Channel Islands. It aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly, interactive way. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline.

Yours sincerely,

Finola Gill

Head Teacher